



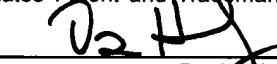
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GOLLUNGBERG, Peter *et al.* § Examiner: Unknown  
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	A3	DE 2438828 A1	02-27-1975	Road Research LTD.	N
	A4	GB 2095630 A1	10-06-1982	Lostock Hall Fabrications, LTD.	Yes
	A5	WO 9841423 A1	09-24-1998	Volvo Lastvagnar AB	Yes

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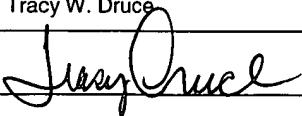
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